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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/13/05.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 17-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 17-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1/02/04 & 5/05/04</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communication: application, filed on 01/2/04.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 18, 20, 25, and 30, are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 18, contains the phrase "there is still now acknowledgment" when it should read "there is still no acknowledgment"; Claim 20 contains the phrase "for of correction" when it should read "for correction". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 17-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US# 2002/0078072 A1.

As per claim 17, Tan et al. teaches "transporting to the managing system a data object containing a new entry or change from a managed system, said new entry or change of data being in a data object which is part of the data set of the managing system" (see paragraphs [0004]-[0007]) "creating in the managing system an

acknowledgement in the form of a confirmation or partial or complete rejection of the new entry or change" (see paragraphs [0040]-[0043], and [0051]) "transporting a data object containing the acknowledgement or rejection back to the managed system from which the new entry or change oriented" (see paragraphs [0055]-[0058]).

As per claim 18, Tan et al. teaches "logs a confirmation stat of a changed data object using a counter section having a counter reading . . . being reduced with each acknowledgement . . ." (see paragraphs [0079]).

As per claim 19, Tan et al. teaches "in the event of the change being partially or completely rejected, the managed system is restored . . ." (see paragraphs [0079]).

As per claim 20, Tan et al. teaches "the event of an error message . . . available in the managed system for of correction . . ." (see paragraphs [0058] and [0062]).

As per claim 21, Tan et al. teaches "wherein the managing system is an OLTP-R/3 system" (see paragraphs [0055]).

As per claims 22-26, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 17-21 and are similarly rejected.

As per claims 27-31, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 17-21 and are similarly rejected.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 571-272-4037. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on (571) 272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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